GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DREDGING OF GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any satellite image of the course of Ganga river which is very fast changing as well as getting thin and lean in many parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal during the last decade; and

(b) if so, the scientific and technical support the Ministry is proposing for dredging of Ganga to clean the silt deposits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Satellite imageries have been made use of by the Ganga Flood Control Commission for 1999 post flood season for the stretch of Ganga in Bihar lying between Buxar and Mokama to identify reaches suffering from bank erosion and to suggest protection measures therein. The report has been sent to the concerned State Governments for further necessary action. Further, the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune has also made use of satellite imageries of Ganga in Malda district ir West Bengal upstream of Farakka Barrage Project for the years 1977, 1988, 1998 and 2000 to study the change in the flow pattern of the river between Rajmahal and Farakka Barrage on Ganga.The studies conducted by CWPRS,Pune reveal that due to natural development of right bank channel centralising the flow downstream of Rajmahal, the immediate need for dredging does not seem necessary.